***This Week in the Missouri Senate* Script  
Education**

This week in the Missouri Senate, we review this year’s omnibus education legislation…

**Nat Snd :03 Q: Well, this’ll be….**

[Senate Bill 681](https://www.senate.mo.gov/22info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=71259862) was pre-filed on Dec. 1 of last year; heard by the [Missouri Senate Education Committee](https://www.senate.mo.gov/EDUC/) on Jan. 25; given preliminary Missouri Senate approval on March 2; sent to the Missouri House of Representatives on March 10; truly agreed to and finally passed on May 12; and signed into law by the governor on June 30.

Senator Cindy O’Laughlin of Shelbina sponsors the measure. When she presented this proposal to the Missouri Senate Education Committee on Jan. 25, her bill was different than what would ultimately pass…

**O’Laughlin :13 Q: for their efforts.**

It was during this same hearing [Senate Bill 662](https://www.senate.mo.gov/22info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=71259613) was first heard.

Senator Lauren Arthur of Kansas City sponsors this measure, which would later be combined with Senate Bill 681…

**Arthur :24 Q: for the future.**

Other education-related topics were also be mentioned during the committee hearing on Senate Bill 681.

Senator Elaine Gannon of De Soto talked about activity surrounding school boards in varying parts of our state…

**Gannon :24 Q: voting Betty off.**

Another aspect of this new law includes new language concerning drinking water in schools.

This comes from [Senate Bill 1075](https://www.senate.mo.gov/22info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=73755337), sponsored by Sen. Jill Schupp of Creve Coeur…

**Schupp :14 Q: it currently is.**

Senate Bills 681 & 662 also establishes the Show-Me Success Diploma Program, revises language relating to adult high schools and the Missouri Advisory Board for Educator Preparation, makes changes to school innovation waivers and establishes the Competency-Based Education Task Force, among several other things.

And, remember, you can follow these and other issues facing the Missouri Senate by visiting our website: [senate.mo.gov](http://www.senate.mo.gov).

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